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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2002, please amend the above captioned patent application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-14 as follows:

1. (Amended) An overhead cable wherein a sectional shape of an outer circumferential surface formed by outermost members is a polygon inscribing a circle of a diameter d mm, sides of the polygon are formed as substantially flat surfaces connecting adjoining vertexes, vertexes of the polygon inscribing the circle are cut away to form arc-shaped grooves having a radius R mm and having a depth H mm from the vertexes, and the arc-shaped grooves are formed in spirals in the outer circumference of the overhead cable in a longitudinal direction of the overhead cable at predetermined pitches,

the diameter d of the overhead cable being in a range of 18 to 52 mm, and

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